## NONNEGATIVE PROJECTIONS ON $C_0(X)$

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Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space,  $C_0(X)$  the space of continuous real-valued functions on X which vanish at infinity, and let  $C_0(X)$  be equipped with the supremum norm. Let  $E: C_0(X) \rightarrow C_0(X)$  be a nonnegative projection  $(x \ge 0 \Rightarrow Ex \ge 0;$  $E^2 = E)$  of norm 1. The first theorem states that E(xEy) =E(ExEy) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ . Let  $X_0 = \bigcap \{x^{-1}[\{0\}]: x \ge 0, Ex = 0\}$ . The second theorem states (in part) that  $M = E[C_0(X)]$  under the norm and order it inherits from  $C_0(X)$  is a Banach lattice, that the mapping  $x \rightarrow x \mid X_0$  (=restriction of x to  $X_0$ ) is an isometric vector lattice homomorphism (=linear map which preserves the lattice operations) of M onto a subalgebra of  $C_0(X_0)$ , and that for  $t \in X_0$ , E(xEy)(t) = (ExEy)(t) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

The paper concludes with a characterization of the conditional expectation operators  $L^1$  of a probability space.

The characterization is complementary to (and inspired by) one given by Moy [5; p. 61]. As a corollary to our first theorem we obtain the theorem of Kelley [2; p. 219] which states that  $E[C_0(X)]$  is a subalgebra of  $C_0(X)$  if and only if E(xEy) = ExEy for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

Preliminaries. An *M*-space is a Banach lattice whose norm satisfies the condition  $x, y \ge 0 \Rightarrow ||x \lor y|| = \max(||x||, ||y||)$   $(x \lor y)$  is the maximum of x and y). An element u of a Banach lattice is a *unit* if and only if  $\{x: 0 \le x \le u\} = \{x: x \ge 0, ||x|| \le 1\}$ . If a Banach lattice has a unit, it has only one and is an *M*-space.

LEMMA 1. Let M be an M-space with unit u. Then

(i)  $X = \{x^* \in M^* : x^*u = 1, x^* \text{ is a vector lattice homomorphism}\}$ is  $\sigma(M^*, M)$ -compact;

(ii) the natural mapping of M into C(X) (X has the relative  $\sigma(M^*, M)$ -topology) is an isometric vector lattice homomorphism onto.

If, in additions, M is order-complete<sup>1</sup>, then

(iii) X is  $Stonian^2$ ;

(iv) *M* is the (norm-)closed linear span of the set *U* of extreme points of  $\{x \in M: 0 \leq x \leq u\}$ , and  $x \in M$  belongs to *U* if and only if  $x \wedge (u - x) = 0$ .

<sup>1</sup> That is, as a lattice M is conditionally complete.

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 $<sup>^2</sup>$  X is Stonian if and only if it is compact and its open subsets have open closures.

*Proof.* (i) and (ii) are proved in [1] (pp. 1000-1006). (iii) is proved in [7] (p. 185). We now prove (iv). By (i)-(iii) we may assume that M = C(X) for some Stonian X. x is an extreme point of  $\{y \in C(X): 0 \leq y \leq 1\}$  if and only if it is the characteristic function of an open closed subset of X. This proves the second part of (iv). The linear span A of U is a subalgebra and (since X is totally disconnected) separates the points of X. By the Stone-Weierstrass Theorem A is dense in C(X).

The adjoint of a Banach lattice with its natural norm and order  $(x^* \ge y^* \Leftrightarrow x^*x \ge y^*x$  for all  $x \ge 0$  is an order-complete Banach lattice (that the adjoint is a lattice is proved in [6], p. 36). In particular, if X is a locally compact Hausdorff space, then both  $C_0(X)^*$  and  $C_0(X)^{**}$  are order-complete Banach lattices.

LEMMA 2. Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space. Then  $C_0(X)^{**}$  is an M-space with unit, and when it is equipped with the multiplication it so acquires, the natural embedding of  $C_0(X)$  in  $C_0(X)^{**}$  is multiplicative.

*Proof.* The mapping  $\mu \to ||\mu||$  is additive and nonnegatively homogeneous on  $\{\mu \in C_0(X)^* : \mu \ge 0\}$  and so has a unique linear extension to all of  $C_0(X)^*$ . This extension, which we denote by 1, is clearly a unit for  $C_0(X)^{**}$ .

Let  $\Omega = \{\xi \in C_0(X)^{***}: \xi = 1, \xi \text{ a vector lattice homomorphism}\}.$ Let  $\kappa: C_0(X) \to C_0(X)^{**}$  be the natural embedding. We show the existence of a meagre subset H of  $\Omega$  such that for x and y in  $C_0(X)$ ,  $\kappa(x)\kappa(y)$ and  $\kappa(xy)$ , when regarded as functions on  $\Omega$ , agree on  $\Omega \sim H$ .  $\kappa$  is a vector lattice homomorphism [6; p. 39] so that for  $\xi \in \Omega$ ,  $\xi \circ \kappa$  is a vector lattice homomorphism, i.e.,  $\xi \circ \kappa$  is a nonnegative multiple of evaluation at some point of X. Thus if  $||\xi \circ \kappa|| = 1$ , then  $\xi \circ \kappa$  is evaluation at some point of X and so is multiplicative. We now show that H = $\{\xi \in \Omega : || \xi \circ \kappa || < 1\}$  is meagre. Let  $A = \{\kappa(x) : x \ge 0, ||x|| \le 1\}$ . A is directed by  $\leq$  and is bounded above. Thus  $\bigvee A$  (=supremum of A in  $C_0(X)^{**}$  exists and for  $\mu$  a nonnegative member of  $C_0(X)^*$ ,  $(\mathbf{V}A)(\mu) =$  $\sup_{f \in A} f(\mu)$ .  $\sup_{f \in A} f(\mu) = \sup \{\mu(x) : x \ge 0, ||x|| \le 1\} = ||\mu|| = 1(\mu)$  whenever  $\mu \ge 0$ . Thus  $\mathbf{V}A = 1$ . Since the supremum of a subset of  $C(\Omega)$ and the pointwise supremum agree off some meagre set, we have 1 = $\xi(1) = \sup \left\{ \xi(f) \colon f \in A \right\} = \sup \left\{ (\xi \circ \kappa)(x) \colon x \ge 0, \, || \, x \, || \le 1 \right\} = || \, \xi \circ \kappa \, || \quad \text{save}$ for  $\xi$  in some meagre set. Thus,  $\kappa(xy)$  and  $\kappa(x)\kappa(y)$ , when regarded as functions on  $\Omega$ , agree on  $\Omega \sim H$ , i.e.,  $\kappa(xy) = \kappa(x)\kappa(y)$ 

LEMMA 3. Let X be a compact Hausdorff space, and let  $E: C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$  be a nonnegative projection of norm 1. Then E[C(X)] with the norm and order it inherits from C(X) is an M-space and has E1

for a unit.

*Proof.* To show that M = E[C(X)] is a vector lattice it is enough to prove that for  $x \in M$ , the maximum in M of x and 0 exists. Let  $x \in M$ .  $x^+ \ge x$ ,  $0 \Longrightarrow Ex^+ \ge x$ ,  $0(x^+ = x \lor 0)$ . If  $y \in M$ , and  $y \ge x$ , 0, then  $y \ge x^+$  so that  $y = Ey \ge Ex^+$ . Thus  $Ex^+$  is the maximum in M of x and 0. Let u = E1. We show that for  $x \in M$ , ||x|| =inf  $\{\alpha: -\alpha u \le x \le \alpha u\}$ . This will show that M is a Banach lattice, and that u is a unit for M. Let  $x \in M$ .  $-||x|| \le x \le ||x|| \Longrightarrow -||x|| u =$  $E(-||x||) \le Ex = x \le E(||x||) = ||x|| u$ ; if  $-\alpha u \le x \le \alpha u$ , then  $-\alpha \le -\alpha u \le \alpha u \le \alpha$  so that  $\alpha \ge ||x||$ .

## Main Theorems.

THEOREM 1. Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space, and let  $E: C_0(X) \rightarrow C_0(X)$  be a nonnegative projection of norm 1. Then E(xEy) = E(ExEy) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

*Proof.* We shall show that by passing to  $E^{**}$  and  $C_0(X)^{**}$  it is enough to prove the theorem under the additional hypotheses

(a) X is Stonian;

(b) if  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an increasing net in C(X) with  $x = \bigvee_{i \in I} x_i$ , then  $Ex = \bigvee_{i \in I} Ex_i$ .

First we prove the theorem under the additional hypotheses. Let M = E[C(X)]. If  $\{x_i\}_{i \in I}$  is an increasing net in M with  $\bigvee_{i \in I} x_i = x \in C(X)$ , then  $Ex = \bigvee_{i \in I} Ex_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} x_i = x$  so that M is an order-complete M-space with unit u = E1. By Lemma 1 M is the closed linear span of the set  $\mathscr{U}$  of extreme points of  $U = \{x \in M: 0 \leq x \leq u\}$ . By the bilinearity and continuity of  $(x, y) \to xy$  it is enough to prove that E(xy) = E(xEy) whenever  $x \in \mathscr{U}$  and  $0 \leq y \leq 1$ . Set z = E(xy) - E(xEy). x + z = E(x + xy - xEy) = E(x(1 + y - Ey)), and, since  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $1 + y - Ey \geq 0$  (indeed,  $1 - Ey \geq 0$ ), we have  $0 \leq E(x(1 + y - Ey)) \leq E(1 + y - Ey) = E1 = u$ . Thus  $x + z \in U$ . Similarly,  $x - z \in U$ . Since both x + z and x - z belong to U and  $x \in \mathscr{U}$  we must have z = 0. This proves the theorem under the additional hypotheses.

Now let X and E be as in the theorem.  $E^{**}$  is a nonnegative projection of norm 1, and by Lemmas 1 and 2 there is a Stonian space  $\Omega$  such that  $C_0(X)^{**} = C(\Omega)$ . Let  $\{f_i\}_{i \in I}$  be an increasing net in  $C_0(X)^{**}$ with  $f = \bigvee_{i \in I} f_i$ . For  $\mu$  a nonnegative member of  $C_0(X)^*$ ,  $f(\mu) =$  $\sup_i f_i(\mu) = \lim_i f_i(\mu)$ . Since any member of  $C_0(X)^*$  is the difference of nonnegative members, we have  $f(\mu) = \lim_i f_i(\mu)$  for all  $\mu \in C_0(X)^*$ . Since  $E^{**}$  is  $\sigma(C_0(X)^{**}, C_0(X)^*)$ -continuous,  $\{E^{**}f_i\}_{i\in I}\sigma(C_0(X)^{**}, C_0(X)^*)$ converges to  $E^{**}f$ , which, together with the monotonicity of  $\{E^{**}f_i\}_{i\in I}$ , implies that  $E^{**}f = \bigvee_{i\in I} E^{**}f_i$ . Thus  $E^{**}$  and  $\Omega$  satisfy the additional hypotheses. Let  $\kappa: C_0(X) \to C_0(X)^{**}$  be the natural embedding. For  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ ,  $\kappa(E(xEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(xEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(x)\kappa(Ey)) = E^{**}(\kappa(x)E^{**}(\kappa(y))) = E^{**}(\kappa(x)E^{**}(\kappa(y))) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy)) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy) = E^{**}(\kappa(ExEy))$ 

COROLLARY. (Kelley)  $E[C_0(X)]$  is a subalgebra of  $C_0(X)$  if and only if E(xEy) = ExEy for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

*Proof.*  $E[C_0(X)]$  is a subalgebra of  $C_0(X)$  if and only if ExEy = E(ExEy) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

DEFINITION. Let L and M be vector lattices, and let  $T: L \to M$ be a nonnegative linear map.  $|\operatorname{Ker}|(T) = \{x \in L: T(|x|) = 0\} (|x| = x \lor (-x)).$ 

Note that  $|\operatorname{Ker}|(T)$  is a vector lattice ideal in L, that is,  $|\operatorname{Ker}|(T)$  is a linear subspace of L and  $x \in |\operatorname{Ker}|(T)$ ,  $|y| \leq |x| \Rightarrow y \in |\operatorname{Ker}|(T)$ .

THEOREM 2. Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space and  $E: C_0(X) \to C_0(X)$  a nonnegative projection of norm 1. Let  $X_0 = \bigcap \{x^{-1}[\{0\}]: x \in | \operatorname{Ker} | (E)\}, Y$  be the set of level sets (sets of constancy) of  $M = E[C_0(X)], X_1 = \bigcup \{A \in Y: A \cap X_0 \neq \emptyset\}$ , and let  $Z = \bigcap \{x^{-1}[\{0\}]: x \in M\}$ . Then

(i) M with the norm and order it inherits from  $C_0(X)$  is a Banach lattice;

(ii)  $x \to x \mid X_0$  is an isometric vector lattice homomorphism from M to  $C_0(X_0)$ ;

(iii) for  $x, y \in M$ ,  $xy \mid X_0 = E(xy) \mid X_0$ ; in particular,  $\{x \mid X_0 : x \in M\}$ is a subalgebra of  $C_0(X_0)$ ;

(iv)  $X_1 \cup Z = \{s \in X: E(xEy)(s) = (ExEy)(s) \text{ for all } x, y \in C_0(X)\}.$ 

*Proof.* We saw in the proof of Lemma 3 that M is a vector lattice under the order it inherits from  $C_0(X)$ . (ii) will imply that M is a Banach lattice. First we prove that  $x \to x \mid X_0$  is a vector lattice homomorphism. Let  $x \in M$ . We have seen that the maximum of x and 0 in M is  $Ex^+$ . Thus we must show that  $Ex^+ \mid X_0 = x^+ \mid X_0$ .  $Ex^+ \ge x$ ,  $0 \Rightarrow Ex^+ \ge x^+$ .  $Ex^+ - x^+ \ge 0$ ,  $E(Ex^+ - x^+) = 0 \Rightarrow Ex^+ - x^+ \in |\text{Ker}|(E) \Rightarrow$  $Ex^+ - x^+$  vanishes on  $X_0$ . Thus  $x \to x \mid X_0$  is a vector lattice homomorphism of M to  $C_0(X_0)$ . Note that |Ker|(E) is a closed algebraic ideal in  $C_0(X)$  and so is equal  $\{x \in C_0(X): x \mid X_0 = 0\}$ . Let  $y \in C_0(X)$  be an extension of  $x \mid X_0$  with norm  $||x| \mid X_0||$ . Since x and y agree on  $X_0, Ey = Ex = x$ . We thus have  $||x| \mid X_0|| = ||y|| \ge ||Ey|| = ||x|| \ge$  $||x| \mid X_0||$ . Thus  $x \to x \mid X_0$  is an isometry from M into  $C_0(X_0)$ .

We first prove (iii) under the additional hypothesis that X is compact.  $M_0 = \{x \mid X_0 : x \in M\}$  is a closed vector sublattice of  $C(X_0)$ . By

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the proof of the Stone-Weierstrass theorem in [4] (p. 8)  $M_0$  is a subalgebra if it contains the constants. For this it is enough to prove  $1 | X_0 = E1 | X_0$ ,  $1 - E1 \ge 0$ ,  $E(1 - E1) = 0 \Longrightarrow 1 - E1 \in |\text{Ker}|(E) \Longrightarrow 1 - E1$ vanishes on  $X_0$ . Now let  $x, y \in M$ . There exists  $z \in M$  such that  $z | X_0 = xy | X_0$ . xy and z agree on  $X_0$  so that E(xy) = Ez = z. Thus  $xy | X_0 = E(xy) | X_0$ .

Now let us return to the general case.  $C_0(X)^{**} = C(\Omega)$  for some compact  $\Omega$ , and  $E^{**}$  is a nonnegative projection of norm 1. By the above  $E^{**}(fg) - fg \in |\operatorname{Ker}| (E^{**})$  whenever  $f, g \in E^{**}[C_0(X)^{**}]$ . In particular, if  $x, y \in M$ , then  $E^{**}(\kappa(x)\kappa(y)) - \kappa(x)\kappa(y) \in |\operatorname{Ker}| (E^{**})$ , where  $\kappa: C_0(X) \to C_0(X)^{**}$  is the natural embedding. Thus  $0 = E^{**}(|E^{**}(\kappa(x)\kappa(y)) - \kappa(x)\kappa(y)|) = E^{**}(|E^{**}(\kappa(xy)) - \kappa(xy)|) = E^{**}(|\kappa(E(xy) - xy)|) = E^{**}(|\kappa(|E(xy) - xy|)) = \kappa(E(|E(xy) - xy|))$  so that E(|E(xy) - xy|) = 0, i.e.,  $E(xy) - xy \in |\operatorname{Ker}| (E)$ . Thus E(xy) and xy agree on  $X_0$  whenever  $x, y \in M$ .

Let the set on the right in (iv) be denoted by W. Clearly,  $Z \subset W$ . To prove that  $X_1 \subset W$  it is enough to prove that  $X_0 \subset W$ . Let  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ . By (iii) ExEy and E(ExEy) agree on  $X_0$  and by Theorem 1 E(ExEy) = E(xEy). Thus ExEy and E(xEy) agree on  $X_0$ . Now let  $s \in W \sim Z$ . Set  $M_0 = \{x \mid X_0 : x \in M\}$ . Let  $\varphi \in M_0^*$  be defined by  $\varphi(x \mid X_0) = x(s), x \in M$ . For  $x, y \in M, \varphi((x \mid X_0)(y \mid X_0)) = \varphi(xy \mid X_0) = \varphi(E(xy) \mid X_0) = E(xy)(s) = E(xEy)(s) = (ExEy(s) = (xy)(s) = \varphi(x)\varphi(y)$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is a nonzero multiplicative linear functional on  $M_0$ . Therefore there exists  $t \in X_0$  such that  $\varphi(x \mid X_0) = x(t), x \in M$ , i.e., the level set of M which contains s intersects  $X_0$ . Thus  $s \in X_1$ .

DEFINITION. Let X be a locally compact Hausdorff space. For  $t \in X$ ,  $\delta_t \in C_0(X)^*$  is evaluation at t.

COROLLARY. Let  $u(s) = || E^* \delta_s ||, s \in X$ . Then  $E[C_0(X)]$  is a vector sublattice of  $C_0(X)$  if and only if ExEy = uE(xEy) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .

Proof. Suppose  $E[C_0(X)]$  is a vector sublattice of  $C_0(X)$ . Let  $s \in X$ .  $x \mid X_0 \to x(s)$  is a vector lattice homomorphism of  $M_0$  to R so that there exist  $t \in X_0$  and  $\alpha \in R$  such that  $x(s) = \alpha x(t)$  for all  $x \in M$ .  $x \mid X_0 \to x(t)$  is a linear functional of norm 1 on  $M_0$  so that  $||E^*\delta_s|| = \sup \{x(s): x \in M, ||x|| \le 1, x \ge 0\} = \alpha \sup \{x(t): x \in M, ||x|| \le 1, x \ge 0\} = \alpha$ . Thus  $\alpha = u(s)$ . Let  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ .  $u(s)E(xEy)(s) = u(s)^2E(xEy)(t) = u(s)^2(Ex)(t)(Ey)(t) = (Ex)(s)(Ey)(s) = (ExEy)(s)$ .

Now suppose that ExEy = uE(xEy) for all  $x, y \in C_0(X)$ . First we show that  $x, y \in M, x \wedge_M y = 0 \Rightarrow x \wedge y = 0$ .  $x \wedge_M y = 0 \Rightarrow (x \mid X_0) \wedge (y \mid X_0) = 0 \Rightarrow xy \mid X_0 = 0, x, y \ge 0 \Rightarrow E(xy) = 0, x, y \ge 0 \Rightarrow 0 = uE(xy) = ExEy = xy, x, y \Rightarrow x \wedge y = 0$ . Now let x be any element of M.  $Ex^+ = x \vee_M 0$ ,  $Ex^- = (-x) \vee_M 0 \Rightarrow Ex^+ \wedge_M Ex^- = 0 \Rightarrow Ex^+ \wedge Ex^- = 0$ .  $x = Ex^+ - Ex^-$ 

and  $Ex^+ \wedge Ex^- = 0 \Longrightarrow x^+ = Ex^+$  and  $x^- = Ex^-$ .<sup>3</sup> Thus  $x \in M \Longrightarrow x^+ \in M$ , i.e., M is a vector sublattice of  $C_0(X)$ .

EXAMPLES. Let X be the discrete space  $\{0, 1, 2\}$ , and let  $E_i: C(X) \rightarrow C(X)$ , i = 1, 2, 3, be defined by

$$(E_1 x)(s) = egin{cases} x(s) & s = 0, 1 \ rac{1}{2} (x(0) + x(1)) \ s = 2 \ \end{array} (E_2 x)(s) = egin{cases} rac{1}{2} x(1) & s = 0 \ x(1) & s = 1, 2 \ \end{array} \ (E_3 x)(s) = egin{cases} 0 & s = 0 \ x(0) + x(1) \ s = 1 \ x(2) & s = 2 \ \end{array}$$

 $E_1, E_2$ , and  $E_3$  are nonnegative projections on C(X),  $||E_1|| = ||E_2|| = 1$ , and  $||E_3|| = 2$ ;  $E_1[C(X)]$  is not a vector sublattice of C(X);  $E_2[C(X)]$ is a vector sublattice of C(X) but not a subalgebra;  $E_3[C_3(X)]$  is a subalgebra of C(X), but  $E_3$  does not satisfy the conclusion of Theorem 1.

(i) and (ii) were proved (essentially) by Lloyd [3; p. 172] for X compact. Specifically, let X be compact, and let E, M and Y be as in Theorem 2; let  $Y_0$  be the set of elements of Y at which evaluation is a nonzero extreme point of the nonnegative part of the unit ball of  $M^*$ ; then  $Y_0$  is compact (when Y is equipped with the quotient topology), and the natural map of M to  $C(Y_0)$  is an order-preserving isometry onto. It can be shown that  $Y_0 = \{A \in Y: A \cap X_0 \neq 0\}$  so that (ii) follows from Lloyd's result.

An application. In this section  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a probability space (i.e.,  $(S, \Sigma, \mu)$  is a totally finite measure space with  $\mu(S) = 1$ ). For  $\Sigma_{\circ}$ a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra of  $\Sigma$ ,  $E(\cdot, \Sigma_{\circ}): L^{1}(\mu) \to L^{1}(\mu)$  is defined by

$$E(x, \Sigma_0) ext{ is } \Sigma_0 ext{-measurable} \ \int_A E(x, \Sigma_0) d\mu = \int_A x d\mu ext{ for all } A \in \Sigma_0 igg\} x \in L^1(\mu) \ ,$$

that is,  $E(x, \Sigma_0)$  is the Radon-Nikodým derivative of  $(x \cdot \mu) | \Sigma_0$  with respect to  $\mu | \Sigma_0 (x \cdot \mu)$  is defined by  $(x \cdot \mu)(A) = \int_A x d\mu, A \in \Sigma$ .  $E(\cdot, \Sigma_0)$ is the conditional expectation operator of  $\Sigma_0$ . The object of this section is to characterize all such operators.

LEMMA 4. Let M be an order complete vector sublattice of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ which contains 1. Then there is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\Sigma_0$  of  $\Sigma$  such that  $M = \{x \in L^{\infty}(\mu) : x \text{ is } \Sigma_0\text{-measurable}\}.$ 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If L is any vector lattice,  $x \in L$ ,  $u, v \in L$ ,  $u \wedge v = 0$ , and if x = u - v, then  $u = x^+$  and  $v = x^-$ .

*Proof.* M is an order-complete M-space with unit and so by Lemma 1 is the closed linear space of the set U of extreme points of the nonnegative part of its unit ball.  $U = \{x \in M: x \land (1 - x) = 0\}$ . Thus  $U = \{\chi_A: A \in \Sigma\} \cap M^4$ . Set  $\Sigma_0 = \{A \in \Sigma: \chi_A \in M\}$ . That  $\Sigma_0$  is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra of  $\Sigma$  follows easily from the fact that M is an order-complete vector sublattice of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . The closed linear span of U is thus the set of  $\Sigma_0$ -measurable members of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ .

LEMMA 5. Let  $T: L^{1}(\mu) \rightarrow L^{1}(\mu)$  be a linear map of norm 1 such that T1 = 1. Then T is nonnegative, and  $\int Txd\mu = \int xd\mu$  for all  $x \in L^{1}(\mu)$ .

Proof. Let  $x \in L^{1}(\mu)$ ,  $1 \ge x \ge 0$ .  $1 - \int x d\mu = ||1 - x||_{1} \ge ||T(1 - x)||_{1} = \int ||1 - Tx| d\mu \ge 1 - \int Tx d\mu$  so that  $\int x d\mu \le \int Tx d\mu \le \int ||Tx|| d\mu = ||Tx||_{1} \le ||x||_{1} = \int x d\mu$ . Thus,  $0 \le x \le 1 \Rightarrow \int x d\mu = \int ||Tx|| d\mu = \int Tx d\mu$ . The second equality shows that  $Tx \ge 0$  whenever  $1 \ge x \ge 0$ , and it follows immediately that T is nonnegative. The equality of  $\int x d\mu$  and  $\int Tx d\mu$  for  $0 \le x \le 1$  implies equality for all  $x \in L^{1}(\mu)$ .

THEOREM 3. Let  $E: L^{i}(\mu) \rightarrow L^{i}(\mu)$  be a projection of norm 1 such that E1 = 1. Then there is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\Sigma_{\circ}$  of  $\Sigma$  such that  $E = E(\cdot, \Sigma_{\circ})$ .

Proof. By Lemma 5 E is nonnegative. Since E1 = 1 and E > 0, E maps  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$  into  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . The restriction  $E_0$  of E to  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$  is thus a nonnegative projection of norm 1. We first show that  $|\operatorname{Ker}|(E_0) = \{0\}$ . Let  $x \ge 0$ , and suppose  $E_0 x = 0$ . Since  $1 \land x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ , and since  $E_0(1 \land x) = 0$ , we may assume  $0 \le x \le 1$ .  $1 - \int x d\mu = ||1 - x||_1 \ge$   $||E_0(1 - x)||_1 = ||E1||_1 = 1$ . Thus x = 0.  $L^{\infty}(\mu) = C(\Omega)$  for some compact  $\Omega$  so that we may apply Theorem 2. Thus  $E_0(xE_0y) = E_0xE_0y$  for all  $x, y \in L^{\infty}(\mu)$ , and  $E_0[L^{\infty}(\mu)] = M$  is a vector sublattice of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . We assert that M is an order-complete vector sublattice. Let  $\{x_i\}_{i\in I}$  be an increasing net in M with  $x = \bigvee_{i\in I} x_i$ .  $\{x_i\}_{i\in I} L^1$ -converges to x so that  $E_0x = L^1$ -lim<sub>i</sub>  $E_0x_i = L^1$ -lim<sub>i</sub> $x_i = x$ , i.e.,  $x \in M$ . By Lemma 4 there is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\Sigma_0$  of  $\Sigma$  such that  $M = \{x \in L^{\infty}(\mu): x \text{ is } \Sigma_0$ measurable}. We conclude the proof by showing that E and  $E(\cdot, \Sigma_0)$ agree on  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . Let  $x \in L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . Ex and  $E(x, \Sigma_0)$  are  $\Sigma_0$ -measurable and so are equal if and only if  $\int_A E(x, \Sigma_0) d\mu = \int_A Exd\mu$  for all  $A \in \Sigma_0$ . Let  $A \in \Sigma_0$ .  $\int_A Exd\mu = \int \chi_A Exd\mu = \int E(\chi_A) Exd\mu = \int E(xE\chi_A) d\mu = \int E(x\chi_A) d\mu =$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We identify bounded  $\Sigma$ -measurable functions and the corresponding elements of  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ .

$$\int x \chi_A d\mu = \int_A x d\mu = \int_A E(x, \Sigma_0) d\mu.$$

COROLLARY. (Moy) Let E:  $L^{1}(\mu) \rightarrow L^{1}(\mu)$  be a linear map of norm 1 such that

(a) E1 = 1;

(b) E(xEy) = ExEy for all  $x, y \in L^{\infty}(\mu)$ . Then there is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\Sigma_{0}$  or  $\Sigma$  such that  $E = E(\cdot, \Sigma_{0})$ .

*Proof.* For  $x \in L^{\infty}(\sigma)$ ,  $E^2 x = E(1Ex) = E1Ex = Ex$ . Thus  $E^2$  and E agree on  $L^{\infty}(\mu)$ , i.e. E is a projection.

REMARK. As was mentioned in the introduction, Theorem 3 was inspired by Moy's theorem. In particular, had Moy's theorem required that E be nonnegative, it would never have occurred to me that the condition of nonnegativeness could be dropped. The proof of Theorem 3 can, of course, be much shortened by using Moy's theorem. However, our proof is substantially different from hers and for this reason is given.

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